

Remarks:


Claims 44-54 and 59-61 remain for consideration in this application. All other claims have been withdrawn in response to the restriction requirement mailed December 3, 2003.

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner imposed a restriction requirement requiring that Applicants select 1 group of claims for prosecution in this application out of 29 groups of claims. Applicants hereby elect without traverse to prosecution the claims of Group III (Claims 44-54 and 59-61) as noted in the Office Action. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected claims in subsequent divisional applications.

The Office Action also required Applicants to select a single SEQ ID No. in a species election. In response, Applicants hereby elect SEQ ID No. 14 for search and prosecution at this time. However, it is Applicants understanding that if a claim generic to many of the specified SEQ ID Nos. is found allowable, the claims will not be limited to the elected sequence. Applicants also reserve the right to prosecute the non-elected species in subsequent divisional applications.

Any additional fee due in connection with this amendment should be applied against Deposit Account 19-0522.

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